

# Senate File 397

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 40)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of hunting licenses for  
2 antlerless deer, providing for the disposition of harvested  
3 deer meat to public institutions, requiring a report, and  
4 providing a penalty.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The commission shall provide, by rule,  
1 4 for the issuance to a nonresident, of a nonresident antlerless  
1 5 deer hunting license that is valid for use only during the  
1 6 period beginning on December 24, 2003, and ending at sunset on  
1 7 January 2, 2004, and costs fifty dollars. A nonresident  
1 8 hunting deer with a license issued under this subsection shall  
1 9 be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state and shall  
1 10 have a nonresident hunting license and pay the wildlife  
1 11 habitat fee. Pursuant to this subsection, the commission  
1 12 shall make available for issuance only the remaining  
1 13 nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses allocated under  
1 14 subsection 3 that have not yet been issued for the 2003=2004  
1 15 antlerless deer hunting seasons.

1 16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 483A.24A HARVESTED DEER.

1 17 1. INTENT. It is the intent of the general assembly in  
1 18 enacting this section, to express its concern to the natural  
1 19 resource commission about the burgeoning deer population in  
1 20 this state, by requiring the natural resource commission to  
1 21 make additional antlerless deer hunting licenses available to  
1 22 encourage hunters in this state to assist the commission in  
1 23 bringing the state's deer population under control.

1 24 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this section:

1 25 a. "Department of corrections" means the Iowa department  
1 26 of corrections.

1 27 b. "Establishment" means an establishment as defined in  
1 28 section 189A.2 where animals or poultry are prepared for food  
1 29 purposes or where wild deer may be processed or dressed for  
1 30 human consumption.

1 31 c. "Public institution" means a state institution listed  
1 32 under section 904.102, subsections 1 through 10, that is  
1 33 administered by the department of corrections.

1 34 3. The natural resource commission shall provide, by rule,  
1 35 for the distribution of antlerless deer hunting licenses,  
2 1 annually to resident hunters and to applicants qualified under  
2 2 section 483A.24. The licenses shall be in addition to deer  
2 3 hunting licenses otherwise allocated in this chapter to  
2 4 resident hunters and applicants qualified under section  
2 5 483A.24 and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive  
2 6 license issued pursuant to section 481A.38. Pursuant to this  
2 7 section, the department shall make available for issuance at  
2 8 least an additional eighteen thousand antlerless deer hunting  
2 9 licenses for resident hunters for 2003=2004 antlerless deer  
2 10 hunting seasons than were available for the 2002=2003  
2 11 antlerless deer hunting seasons.

2 12 4. A resident hunter or an applicant qualified under  
2 13 section 483A.24, who receives an antlerless deer hunting  
2 14 license under this section may deliver the deer harvested with  
2 15 the license to an establishment designated by the department  
2 16 of corrections for processing, packaging, and delivery to  
2 17 locations designated by the department of corrections. Each  
2 18 antlerless deer hunting license issued under this section  
2 19 shall be accompanied by a list of establishments that will

2 20 accept deer harvested with the license.

2 21 5. Each resident hunter or applicant qualified under  
2 22 section 483A.24 shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in  
2 23 this state. A wildlife habitat fee shall not be required.  
2 24 The commission shall establish, by rules adopted pursuant to  
2 25 chapter 17A, the procedures for allocating the antlerless deer  
2 26 hunting licenses.

2 27 6. The department of corrections, may, in cooperation with  
2 28 the commission, contract with one or more establishments to  
2 29 receive, process, package, and deliver the harvested deer meat  
2 30 to the public institutions in the manner specified by the  
2 31 department of corrections and at a cost to the department of  
2 32 corrections that is competitive with the cost of obtaining  
2 33 similar meat products in the private sector.

2 34 7. A person violating a provision of this section or a  
2 35 rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a simple  
3 1 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation as provided in  
3 2 section 483A.42.

3 3 Sec. 3. REPORT. The natural resource commission, in  
3 4 consultation with the department of corrections, shall  
3 5 evaluate the results of the deer harvesting program created in  
3 6 section 483A.24A, and shall make recommendations suggesting  
3 7 improvements to the program and whether the program should be  
3 8 expanded to allow receipt of harvested deer meat by other  
3 9 governmental agencies and nonprofit entities. The natural  
3 10 resource commission and the department of corrections shall  
3 11 file a joint report containing their findings and  
3 12 recommendations with the legislative service bureau by  
3 13 February 1, 2004, for distribution to the general assembly.

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